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1. The GOFG Medical Instructors' School was located in Beelitz-Heilstaette approximately four km NW of Beelitz. Beelitz-Heilstaette was formerly a German medical center with several hospitals and sanatoriums for TB patients. [redacted] The term "Instructor", used in this school's title, is somewhat misleading, since students here are trained as army first-aid men, and as such do not give any instruction; their sole task is to render first-aid to the wounded, prior to evacuation to the rear. The Medical Instructors' School was organized in 1950 and was directly subordinate to the Chief of the Medical Department, GOFG. In 1952 the Commanding Officer of this school was Colonel REvelev (fnu), MC. The head of the school's educational department was Colonel Zakharov (fnu), MC; head of the school's political administration was Colonel Kantonistyy (fnu).
2. The training course in the Medical Instructors' School lasted six months. Each course was attended by approximately 150 students; the last course, however, begun in May 1952, was attended by 300 students. Candidates were drawn from the ranks of junior sergeants and below, who were in the armed branches and units of GOFG; these men must have at least four years of previous education. [redacted] appointments were made on a voluntary basis. After completion of the course, students must pass a final examination; graduates were promoted in ranks as follows: junior sergeants to sergeants; privates and corporals to junior sergeants. Exceptional students graduating from school with excellent marks were promoted to senior sergeants, or even to first sergeants (starshina). Approximately 10 to 15 percent of the students were returned to their units during the course because of disciplinary violations and poor work in school. Graduates were always returned to the organic units from which they came.

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3. The school's curriculum was composed of the following subjects of instruction:

	Program time per cent
(a) First Aid Training -- lecturer, Col (fnu) Belov MC	30%
(b) Anatomy -- Lecturer, Lt Col (fnu) Sergeyev MC; assistant lecturer, Captain of Administrative Service (fnu) Bido	20%
(c) Skin Diseases and VD --	
(d) Surgery and INT Diseases --	
Lecturer, Lt Col (fnu) Urakoheyev; Assistant Lecturer, Capt of Administrative Service (fnu) Kuznetsov	
(e) Prophylactics and Hygienics -- (Lecturer unknown)	10%
(f) CW Defense and CW First Aid -- (Lecturer unknown)	10%
(g) Physical Training and Drill -- conducted by company commanders	15%
(h) Political Indoctrination -- Lecturer, Col (fnu) Kantonistyy	15%

(The lectures on the subjects mentioned in (a) to (e) were based on the Army Medical Manual (program for Medical Instructors' Schools) prepared by Professor Doctor (fnu) Gurvich.)

4. Lectures were held daily from 0800 to 1600 hours, with a one hour break for lunch, ie, seven hours daily. One to two hours were devoted to physical training and military drill, which actually left only five to six hours for lectures.
5. Students of the Medical Instructors' School were organized into companies. The course which began in May 1952 (300 students) was organized into three companies of three platoons each. Thus, each platoon was composed of approximately 30-35 students; each platoon was considered a class. Lectures on anatomy, and occasionally on some other subjects, were delivered separately to each class. All other lectures were delivered to a whole company. Except for political lectures, no other subjects were ever taught to the entire student body at one time. Companies were commanded by line officers who were majors or captains, and platoons by senior lieutenants, medical assistants, or former medical assistants promoted to captains of the administrative service. It is a peculiarity of the Soviet Army Medical Corps Organization that the highest rank a medical assistant may reach while remaining in the medical corps is that of senior lieutenant. Upon promotion to captain, a medical assistant would immediately be transferred to the army administrative corps, where he could advance unhindered. Such a person, however, may still hold the position of medical assistant (feldsher) in the army not as a member of the army medical corps, but as a member of the army administrative service. In most cases, however, such people are appointed to various administrative positions, which may or may not have some connection with the medical service.
6. The Medical Instructors' School had its own dispensary which was headed by Major (fnu) Takuyev MC. Takuyev had two medical assistants on his dispensary T/O. This dispensary was composed of the doctor's office, reception room, pharmacy, and two patients' rooms, with approximately 12 beds for ambulatory patients. Sick calls were held daily at 0830 and 1700 hours by Major Takuyev or by one of the medical assistants.

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7. During their stay in the school students lived in barracks in the school building, approximately 10 to 30 men per room. They retained their normal army pay. Food was served three times a day in the students' mess, which was separated from the mess serving officers and civilian personnel on duty with the school. Food was rather better than in the regular army units, but its quantity was never sufficient. The most frequent shortages were meats and fats. No passes were ever granted to students, Sundays and holidays were spent in barracks, and were occupied in either some sport, a movie or in the school's library.
8. The class of Medical Instructors' School which graduated in May 1952, contained a special detachment of drafted civilian medical assistants (grazhdanskiy feldsher). These were graduates of civilian lower medical schools (medical-technical schools, and mid-wife schools) who were drafted into the armed forces as privates and underwent normal military training in their respective units in Germany. In the course of military duty some of these medical assistants were promoted to corporals and sergeants. Late in 1951 a directive was issued by the Medical Department of GOFG to send such persons to the Medical Instructors' School in Beelitz-Heilstaette. About 25 of them reported to the school and were organized into a special platoon-class of medical assistants. They were given extended training, and after completion of the course some of them were immediately promoted, and appointed to positions of medical assistants with GOFG units. positions of medical assistants with GOFG units.
9. The class which began in May 1952, also contained a special detachment of drafted medical assistants. This detachment, according to a directive of the GOFG Medical Department, comprised enlisted men who had been students for one or more semesters at pharmaceutical and medical laboratory schools, etc, who were drafted into the armed forces as privates and were serving with GOFG units in Germany. About 30 such persons were sent to the Medical Instructors' School and formed a special platoon.

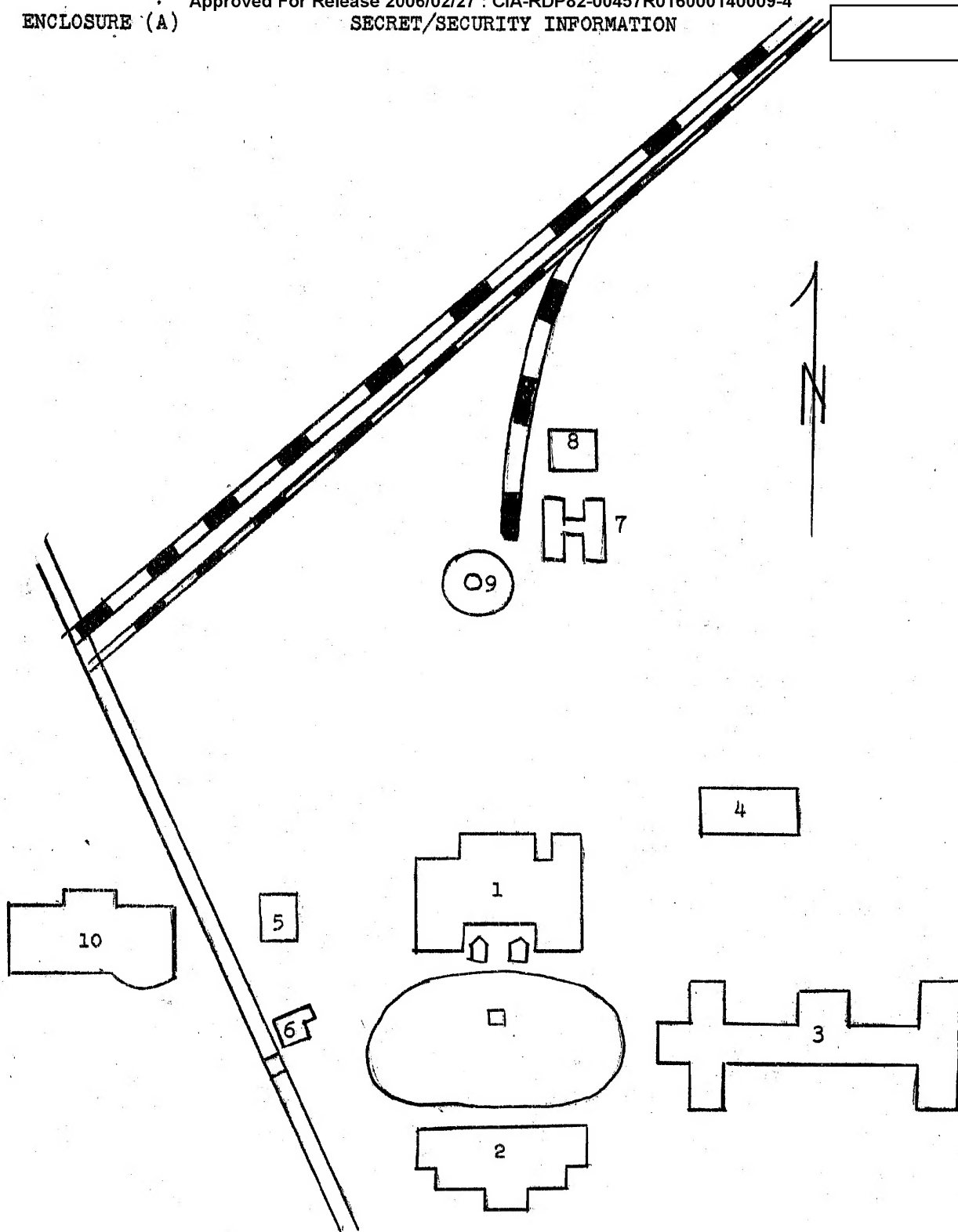
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they were supposed to be given lectures, with the emphasis placed on medical laboratory and analysis procedures; the apparent intention was to place the graduating students with GOFG medical laboratories as laboratory personnel. In all probability they will be promoted to lieutenants MC.

Enclosure (A): Sketch of the Medical Instructors' School in Beelitz-Heilstaette.

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ENCLOSURE (A)(Cont'd)

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Legend

1. 1st floor: school administration building.  
2nd floor: billets of officers and civilian personnel of the school.
2. 1st floor: lecture halls  
2nd floor: gymnasium, library and students billets.  
Cellar : stockade and clothing warehouse.
3. 1st floor: students' mess-hall.  
2nd floor: students' billets.
4. 1st floor: dispensary, doctor's office, reception room, pharmacy,  
patients room, three beds.  
2nd floor: two patients rooms, 10 patients.
5. Billets of school's CO and Department for Political Administration.
6. Check-point, OD room.
7. Boiler room.
8. Fuel storage area.
9. Water reservoir
10. 1st floor: kitchen and food warehouse.  
2nd floor: officers' mess.

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